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CORDIALLY INVITE YOU  
TO CELEBRATE THE INSTALLATION  
*of*  
RABBI ELLIOT J. COSGROVE

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2008  
17 ELUL 5768

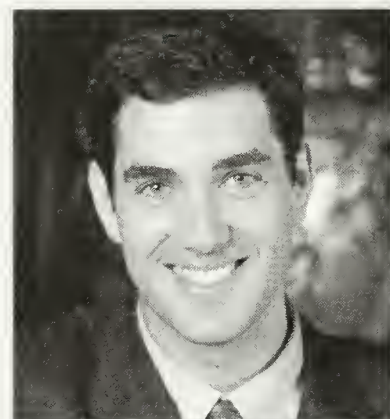
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## **You're Invited!**

## Shanah Tovah U'Metukah!

### Where Does God Dwell?

**Rabbi Menachem Mendel of Kotzk, (1787-1859) was once asked, "Where does God dwell?" He replied: "God dwells wherever you let God in."**



As I anticipate my first High Holy Days at Park Avenue Synagogue, I am eagerly looking forward to the sacred task of "letting God in" to our community. The Days of Awe are filled with our tradition's most evocative imagery: from God enthroned on High, to a heavenly shepherd tending the flocks of humanity, to the Divine Scribe and Judge with the ledger of our deeds opened. Each of these images contributes to the collective power surrounding the Days of Awe. Alongside Cantors Lefkowitz and Abramson and our interim Rabbi, Michael Graetz, I know that our first High Holy Days will provide an opportunity to renew our commitment to bringing the sacred into our midst.

And yet, we would do well to remember that every member of our community shares the responsibility of bringing God into our community. Indeed, much of the High Holy Day spirit is

driven by the belief that our interpersonal relationships bear the potential for holiness; in other words, that God can be found in our day-to-day existence. While we all may look forward to the exalted spiritual tropes of the holiday season, the mark of a truly religious life is found in the ability of each of us to allow for the possibility of finding God in unexpected and everyday places. A quiet deed of kindness, a generous act of *tzedakah*, a courageous attempt at reconciliation within family—any one of these efforts will serve to make our community a *kehillah kedosha*—a sacred community.

A professor of mine at the Jewish Theological Seminary once defined "Religion" as humanity's attempt to create a world in which God would want to

live. As we look towards the Holy Day Season and the years ahead, we should all rally behind a shared mission to be a synagogue in which God's presence is felt. From Early Childhood to Adult Learning, from our Congregational School to *Bikur Cholim*, we should begin every conversation infused by the desire to stand in the presence of God. Equally important, the manner by which we conduct these conversations and committees (and not just the goals themselves) reflects our commitment to becoming a *kehillah kedosha*.

"God dwells wherever you let God in." As we welcome the New Year, as we conduct the business of the synagogue, as we greet old friends and meet new ones, and as we seek to bring peace into our homes, each one of us has the ability to bring God into our midst. May each of us enter the New Year committed to this sacred task and may our deeds reflect our innermost and highest ideals.

*Shanah Tovah U'Metukah!* Wishing you a sweet and wonderful new year!

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## Synagogue leadership is not a fixed body.

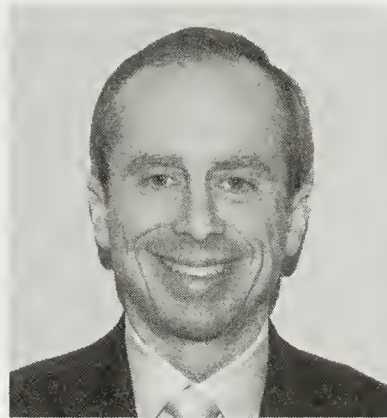
**Leadership in its many manifestations is the theme for much of this year's programming and educational offerings at P.A.S. A conversation with the new Chairman, Steven M. Friedman, at his office, brought many interesting perceptions on that theme.**

Steve is a thoughtful, intelligent, personable, soft-spoken, natural leader. To a great extent, he sees his role as expediting the contributions of all of those who work toward the goals they share: enhancing the experience of membership at P.A.S. and the involvement of its members.

He is emphatic about the primary leadership role of Rabbi Cosgrove—spiritually and communally—in the synagogue and the community, and eager to help to advance the Rabbi's Jewish education and cultural programs and to introduce him to members.

Under the excellent supervision of Executive Director Beryl Chernov, the synagogue staff efficiently carries out the many functions—financial, administrative, and operational—that provide the foundation for making everything happen.

The third partner contributing to the endeavor is lay leadership—the board, officers, and chairs of arms and committees. The structure is designed to continue to empower and motivate volunteers by giving them more responsibility and encouraging cooperation. Steve hopes that this



system will continue to unleash energy, ideas, and initiatives, consistent with the Rabbi's vision for the community. Each officer has his or her own oversight responsibilities and will be the primary contact for individuals and organizations in those areas. (In the coming months, each officer will have the opportunity to write on this page about these subjects.)

As Chairman, Steve sees his role as providing executive oversight and assuring balance. His own experiences as a volunteer in leadership roles here at P.A.S. and in other Jewish and secular organizations convince him that giving capable people meaningful assignments and responsibilities and the freedom to work to the best of their ability will both provide them with greater satisfaction and strengthen the synagogue. He attributes the recent increased involvement with P.A.S. to former Chairman Amy Bressman's highly successful tenure and wants to build upon this spirit across the institution.

Just as the Conservative Movement reflects changes in society, synagogue leadership is not a fixed body. Increasing involvement of more members is a paramount goal. Steve expects that together, under the Rabbi's leadership,

we can broaden participation and membership; activate members who rarely attend, inspire those who come to services and classes, and enhance the sense of community that is so important here.

Located as we are, in the heart of vibrant Jewish and cultural communities, it is clear that everyone has many choices. Steve is resolved to help Rabbi Cosgrove make P.A.S. even more attractive to more people, particularly to the younger families who increasingly are living in the area. While our Early Childhood Center is at capacity, they both want to keep children, teens, and young adults as active participants in the variety of religious, educational and cultural programs we offer. Rabbi Cosgrove and Rabbi Graetz will provide leadership that is spiritually and intellectually inspirational.

As demographic, environmental and economic changes affect the population and the neighborhood, P.A.S. will be responsive to their needs with programming and opportunities of interest to people of all ages. Steve himself provides a good example of dealing with his family's 'empty nest' syndrome by following the Jewish tradition of giving back to the community. He adds that just as Jewish guideposts are helpful in dealing with changes in our personal lives, they will provide us with direction and meaning as we face the changes in our synagogue. We will continue to observe our traditions, celebrate the New Year, reflect on the past and consider the spirit of renewal, as a community, led by our Rabbi.

# שמחה

**Celebrating a Simcha?** A birthday, anniversary, engagement, wedding, new grandchild, or anything else for which you are grateful? Sponsor a breakfast Kiddush any weekday after our Morning Minyan.

**Contact** Lynn Schneider at the synagogue for more information, 212-369-2600 or [lschneider@pasyn.org](mailto:lschneider@pasyn.org).



## Park Avenue Synagogue Happenings



### Save the Date

BUY YOUR OUTFIT!  
JOIN THE COMMITTEE!

### P.A.S. Gala

**Saturday, February 28, 2009**

The P.A.S. Gala, to be held on February 28, 2009, will be the event that everyone will want to attend. We will be honoring our past Chairman, Amy A.B. Bressman, who has done so much for our synagogue and for all of us.

Details are being worked out, so it is not too late for you to join the Gala Committee—have fun and be part of the party action.

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## Installation of Rabbi Elliot J. Cosgrove

**Wednesday, September 17 | 6:00 pm**

Park Avenue Synagogue will celebrate a milestone event in our history, as well as that of the New York Jewish community and the Conservative Movement, as Rabbi Elliot J. Cosgrove, Ph.D. will be installed by Dr. Arnold Eisen, Chancellor, and Rabbi William Lebeau, past Vice-Chancellor and Dean of the Rabbinical School, of the Jewish Theological Seminary of America (JTS).

Rabbi Cosgrove, recognized as one of the new leaders of the Conservative Movement, follows a tradition of distinguished rabbinic predecessors, including Rabbi Milton Steinberg, Rabbi Judah Nadich, and Rabbi David Lincoln on the pulpit of Park Avenue Synagogue.

Ordained at JTS, Rabbi Cosgrove earned his Ph.D. at the University of Chicago Divinity School, reflecting his passions for the intersection of Jewish scholarship and faith. His advisor and mentor, Professor Paul Mendes-Flor will participate in the ceremonies.

Rabbi Cosgrove most recently served at Anshe Emet Synagogue in Chicago, where he demonstrated his commitment to building a caring community, fostering Jewish learning, and advancing social justice. He aspires to lead our synagogue as a model of the best the Conservative Movement can be, as a place where national Jewish conversations are lived, as well as a true *kehillah kadasha*.

*A reception for all guests will follow.*

## P.A.S. Gallery

### P.A.S. Timeline: Selections from our Archives | continuing through the High Holy Days

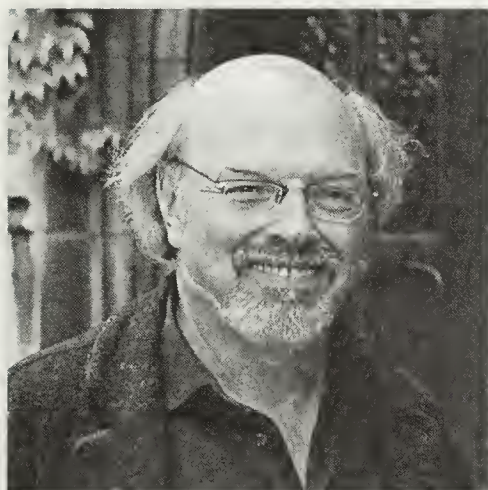
This very special exhibition includes a timeline of Park Avenue Synagogue history, juxtaposing P.A.S. milestones with contemporary events in Jewish history, as well as significant events in NYC, American, and world history. The exhibit cases feature significant artifacts from the P.A.S. Archives collection. The show begins with the history of the founding congregations, and then surveys the decades from the 1920s through the 125th Anniversary year. The exhibition highlights the generations of clergy who have led our synagogue with commitment and vision and their distinguished contributions to P.A.S., the Jewish community, and world history.



## Special Guest | Paul R. Mendes-Flohr

September 17-20

Park Avenue Synagogue is honored by a special guest who will be spending September 17-20 with us: Paul R. Mendes-Flohr will speak at Rabbi Cosgrove's installation; at Shabbat services, and be the featured speaker for *Selichot*.



*Paul R. Mendes-Flohr is a leading scholar of modern Jewish thought. As an intellectual historian, Mendes-Flohr specializes in 19th and 20th century Jewish thinkers, including Martin Buber, Franz Rosenzweig, and Gershom Scholem.*

*Holder of a Ph.D. from Brandeis University, Mendes-Flohr teaches at both the University of Chicago and the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. At the University of Chicago, he was the Ph.D. advisor to Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove. His presence among us during this auspicious week honors both Rabbi Cosgrove and our congregation..*

*At the installation on September 17, Professor Mendes-Flohr will speak about "Types of Jewish Leadership." His lecture on September 20, Shabbat morning will be "Jewish Thought Faces the Twenty-First Century."*

*That night, at our pre-Selichot Shinn, his address will be about: "Martin Buber and Franz Rosenzweig: Alternative Paths to Jewish Spiritual Renewal."*

### Mitzvah Day Planning Meeting

Thursday, September 4 | 6:30 pm

If you would like to help with Mitzvah Day planning, come to our meeting on Thursday, September 4th at 6:30 pm. (Sunday, November 23 is Mitzvah Day 2008. Save the date!)

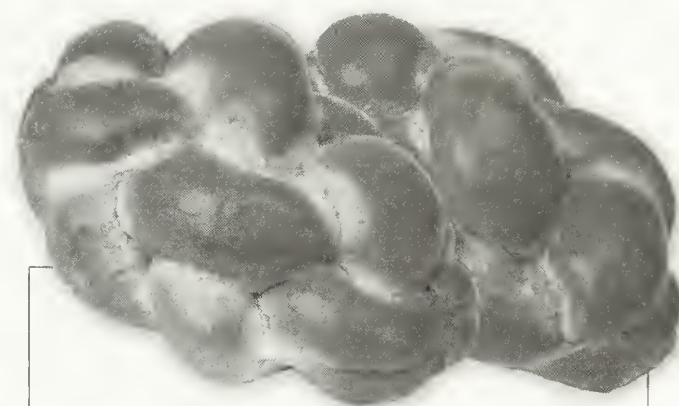
**For information** please contact Mitzvah Day Chairs, Erica Choset: [ericachoset@gmail.com](mailto:ericachoset@gmail.com) and Marlene Muskin: [Idts52@aol.com](mailto:Idts52@aol.com).

### Mitzvah In Elul

Thursday, September 18 | 9:30 am

Join *Tikkun Olam* (co-sponsored by Young Couples Group) for packing groceries at the Yorkville Common Pantry.

**For information** call or e-mail Lite Sabin at [sabinmail@aol.com](mailto:sabinmail@aol.com) or 212-628-2863.



### Announcing

the Famous

### Challah Sale

(and, by popular demand)

Rugelach, too

### for Rosh Hashanah

Sunday, September 28 | all day

Monday, September 29 | 9:00 am–12:00 Noon

The Young Couples Group and Women's Evening Group have joined forces again this year to provide this service to the congregation. Available for purchase will be round challah, plain, raisin and iced (new packaging) and one pound packages of either chocolate or fruit rugelach.

Watch for your order form by e-mail and/or snail mail. Order forms will be mailed to the congregation right after Labor Day and must be returned *no later than* Thursday, September 18. Orders can be picked up all day Sunday, September 28 or Monday, September 29, between 9:00 am and 12:00 Noon.

### Rabbi Graetz recommends Masorti [Conservative] Websites

For a great web site to encourage study of Jewish sources, check out *The Virtual Bet Midrash*, at [www.bmv.org.il](http://www.bmv.org.il)

This site is sponsored by the Masorti Movement and the Rabbinical Assembly of Israel. It is run by Rabbi Simcha Roth, who just retired as the rabbi of Torat Hayyim Masorti Congregation in Herzliyah. Currently, he is also a member of the Herzliya *Mo'etzah Datit*, the Municipal Religious Council. Rabbi Roth has also held several posts in the Rabbinical Assembly in Israel: he has served on the *Va'ad Halachah* (Law Committee) of the Rabbinical Assembly in Israel; and he was the editor of the Masorti Siddur *Va'ani Tefillati*. Rabbi Roth is a brilliant teacher, and in just 15 minutes a day you can increase your Jewish knowledge and gain inspiration. Try it, you'll like it.





## Schedule of Religious Services

ANY CHANGES ARE NOTED WHEN THEY OCCUR

**Daily Minyanim** Monday–Friday at 7:15 am; Sundays and Legal Holidays at 9:00 am.

**Mincha** Sunday–Thursday at 5:45 pm; Saturdays at 12:30 pm, until September 20, on September 27 it returns to the customary 6:00 pm.

**Hashkama** Saturdays and Yom Tov at 7:30 am.

Information is subject to change. Confirm at [www.pasyn.org](http://www.pasyn.org) or with the Synagogue office.

### Shabbat Honoring the Yahrzeit of Rabbi Judah Nadich Z"L.

**Saturday, September 6** 6 Elul

The first Shabbat this month will be designated "Shabbat Honoring the Yahrzeit of Rabbi Judah Nadich Z"L." He will long be remembered and honored by all. The Rabbis will speak about the heritage he left us.

**Note:** The Hebrew phrase *zichrono livracha*, often abbreviated with the Hebrew letters ז׳ zayin and ל׳ lamed, or Z"L in English, is literally translated as "of blessed memory." It is a phrase of respect often added after mentioning the name of a person who is deceased. The feminine form is *zichronah livrachah*.

### Selichot

**Saturday, September 20** 20 Elul

8:00 pm | **Selichot Collation**

8:30 pm | **Guest Speaker**  
**Paul R. Mendes-Flohr,**  
**Selichot Meditation**  
**and Service**

We will observe the traditional special late service of penitential prayers held after *Havdalah* on the Shabbat before Rosh Hashanah.

Everyone is invited to join our collation at 8:00 pm, then at about 8:30 we will hear our guest speaker, Paul Mendes-Flohr, discuss "Martin Buber and Franz Rosenzweig: Alternative Paths to Jewish Spiritual Renewal," and following that, meditation and the traditional prayer service to usher in the High Holy Days.

**Monday, September 1** 1 Elul

*Rosh Chodesh Elul*

Labor Day

Offices Closed

**Friday, September 5** 5 Elul

LIGHT CANDLES: 7:03 pm

6:15 pm Friday Evening Service

**Saturday, September 6** 6 Elul

*Parashat Shoftim*

9:15 am Sanctuary Service

Shabbat Honoring the Yahrzeit of Rabbi Judah Nadich Z"L.

*Bar Mitzvah of Jonathan Stotter,*  
son of Aileen & Eric Stotter

9:30 am *Havurah Service*

12:30 pm *Mincha Service*

**Friday, September 12** 12 Elul

LIGHT CANDLES: 6:52 pm

6:15 pm "Make Friday Night Special:  
a Musical Service"

**Children's Birthday Service**

**Saturday, September 13** 13 Elul

*Parashat Ki Teitzei*

9:15 am Junior Congregation

9:15 am Sanctuary Service

9:30 am *Havurah Service*

*Bat Mitzvah of Rebecca Lederkramer,*  
daughter of Lauren & David Lederkramer

*Bat Mitzvah of Arielle Urvater,*  
daughter of Eve and Ronald Urvater

10:15 am *Nitzanim Service*

12:30 pm *Mincha Service*

**Wednesday, September 17** 17 Elul

4:45 pm *Mincha Service*

6:00 pm **Installation of Rabbi Cosgrove**

**Friday, September 19** 19 Elul

LIGHT CANDLES: 6:40 pm

6:15 pm "Make Friday Night Special:  
a Musical Service"

**Saturday, September 20** 20 Elul

*Parashat Ki Tavo*

9:15 am Junior Congregation

9:15 am Sanctuary Service

GUEST SPEAKER, Paul Mendes-Flohr:

"Jewish Thought Faces the Twenty-First Century."

*Bat Mitzvah of Alexandra Golden,*  
daughter of Lisa & Matthew Golden

9:30 am *Havurah Service*

11:15 am Tot Shabbat

12:30 pm *Mincha Service*

8:00 pm *Selichot Collation*

8:30 pm GUEST SPEAKER, Paul Mendes-Flohr:  
"Martin Buber and Franz Rosenzweig:

Alternative Paths to Jewish Spiritual  
Renewal."

*Selichot* Meditation and Service

**Friday, September 26** 26 Elul

LIGHT CANDLES: 6:28 pm

6:15 pm Friday Evening Service

**Saturday, September 27** 27 Elul

*Parashat Nitzavim*

9:15 am Junior Congregation

9:15 am Sanctuary Service

*Bat Mitzvah of Rachel Lander,*  
daughter of Roseanne & Guy Lander

9:30 am *Havurah Service*

6:00 pm *Mincha Service*

**Monday, September 29** 29 Elul

**Erev Rosh Hashanah**

LIGHT CANDLES: 6:23 pm

1:00 pm Offices Close

6:00 pm *Mincha/Maariv*

**Tuesday, September 30** 1 Tishrei 5769

**Rosh Hashanah**

Offices Closed

8:30 am Morning Service

10:00 am Shofar

10:15 am Youth Services

10:30 am Sermon

5:00 pm *Tashlich*

6:00 pm *Mincha/Maariv*

RABBI ELLIOT J. COSGROVE AND RABBI MICHAEL J. GRAETZ WILL PREACH AND CONDUCT THE SERVICES TOGETHER WITH CANTOR DAVID LEFKOWITZ AND CANTOR NANCY ABRAMSON AND THE SYNAGOGUE CHOIR, WITH NEIL ROBINSON AT THE ORGAN.

## Men's Club

The Men's Club offers the congregation the opportunity to learn together, socialize, and reach out to the Synagogue, the community, and Israel with *tzedakah* and donations.

SOME OF OUR PROGRAMS:

### Hearing Men's Voices ©

*This program within the Men's Club provides small groups a setting to talk with each other about common life issues in a relaxed, confidential, facilitated setting.*

### Roses for Rosh Hashanah

*Look on our website and in your mail for information on how you can send a gift of beautiful, fresh flowers for Rosh Hashanah.*

### P.A.S. Arms Sukkah Dinners

**Tuesday, October 14 and**

**Wednesday, October 15 | 6:30 pm | \$ ©**

*Use the Coupon on last page of Insert to make your reservation by October 6.*

*See the Website and Bulletin for updates, details, and dates of our meetings.*

## Sisterhood

### Visit to the Turner Exhibition | \$ ©

*At the Metropolitan Museum of Art*

**Thursday, September 18 | 1:30 pm**

J. M. W. Turner (1775–1851) was one of the most gifted and innovative painters in the history of Western art. He started his studies at the Royal Academy in London at the age of 14 and became a full member of the Royal Academy when he was only 26. The Metropolitan Museum of Art is presenting a large exhibition of Turner's oil paintings and watercolors, which range from romantic landscapes and seascapes to near-abstract works that reflect his experiments with light and color. Join Sisterhood for a guided tour of this wonderful show. All members of P.A.S. are welcome.

**Please R.S.V.P. by September 10** to Helen Agress at 212-362-1233. *Space is limited. The cost is \$15 for seniors and \$20 for nonseniors. Do not pay at the admissions desk. A member of the Sisterhood will collect the admission fees. Meet the Sisterhood group at 1:15 pm at the Group Registration Desk in the Great Hall on the first floor. In case you don't feel like walking up the stairs in front of the museum, use the entrance to the museum on 81st Street and Fifth Avenue and take the elevator up to the first floor.*

### Daytime Book Discussion Group

**Monday, September 22 | 11:00 am**

Join us in the Rothschild Library for a discussion of "The Life of Jews in Poland before the Holocaust," by Ben-Zion Gold. This brief memoir is a lovely and moving account of Rabbi Gold's experiences as he grew up in Poland during the 1920s and 1930s. Come have coffee and cake with us, and exchange ideas about this fascinating book.

**For a complete reading list** and schedule of meetings, please call Dr. Renee Waldinger at 212-860-4308. *All are welcome to this group. The Daytime Book Discussion Group reads six fiction or nonfiction books related to Jewish themes each year.*

### Yiddish Club

**Tuesday, September 23 | 1:30 pm**

The Yiddish Club will have its first session of the fall in the Rothschild Library. Coffee and cake will be served. The focus of this group is Yiddish conversation and culture—poetry, stories, music, theater, and film. Our meetings are lively and enjoyable. Even if your Yiddish is very rusty, you are welcome to join us. We are a warm, friendly group.

**To obtain more information** about the Yiddish Club and a schedule of meetings, please call Florence Solomon at 212-369-3856.

## Tikkun Olam

**Tikkun Olam Meeting | Thursday, September 4 | 7:00 pm |** Even one hour of service can make a difference.

# P.A.S. Is Just a Klik Away



Park Avenue Synagogue's website, **www.pasyn.org** has the latest news, events, and times for any synagogue-related activity. And it also has lots of information about classes, programs, events, people, organizations, and meetings.

**Sign up for e-mail notifications! Communicate with clergy and staff!**



### **WEG: Women's Evening Group**

**The Gregorian Calendar proclaims this to be the year 2008-9; the Hebrew Calendar proclaims this to be the year 5769; Women's Evening Group proclaims this to be the year you join WEG!**

WEG invites women of the congregation to enjoy a year of exploration through provocative programs, electrifying events, engaging community outreach, energizing Moonbeams, social networking, and much, much more.

### **WEG's Engaging Fall Program Has You in Mind:**

#### **September**

*WEG and the Young Couples Group invite you to order your Rosh Hashanah Challah and Rugelach (see page 5) and to volunteer to help with the distribution all day Sunday, September 28 and Monday, September 29, from 9:00 am to 12:00 noon.*

#### **October**

*Arms Sukkah Dinner, October 14 and 15 at 6:30 pm. Use the Coupon on the last page of the "In Celebration of the High Holy Days 2008/5769" Insert to make your reservation.*

#### **November 20**

*In celebration of Jewish Book Month, WEG has invited author Lisa Kogen to discuss her newest novel, "With Strength and Splendor."*

#### **December**

*Happy Hanukkah! Plans are afoot to party!*

*Check out the Women's Evening Group web page on [www.pasyn.org](http://www.pasyn.org) for up-to-date information on all activities. For those of you not "on the computer," watch your mail.*

**It's easy to join:** send your check, made payable to Women's Evening Group, for \$50 (includes membership in Women's League for Conservative Judaism) and mail to WEG, Park Avenue Synagogue, 50 East 87th St., New York, NY 10128. Do it today. WEG guarantees immediate pleasure.

**For more information,** please contact Ellin Ginsburg: [ellin@worldnet.att.net](mailto:ellin@worldnet.att.net); or Joann Rosoff: [joannrosoff@aol.com](mailto:joannrosoff@aol.com); or Lite Sabin: [sabinmail@aol.com](mailto:sabinmail@aol.com).

### **Young Couples Group**

**As you may know, the Young Couples Group (YCG) of Park Avenue Synagogue provides a wonderful opportunity to meet and socialize with other members of the congregation, typically between the ages of 25-45.** Our social, cultural and fun events take place at the synagogue, at the homes of other YCG members, and at various locations in Manhattan. Our activities are often centered around holidays (i.e. our "Latke and Vodka" Hanukkah party, Sukkah brunch) or Jewish celebrations and sometimes include the whole family. Our goal is to make new connections, join together with old friends, share common goals and experiences and foster a community centered around fellowship and

fun. We will be co-sponsoring *Mitzvah in Elul* and selling *lulav* and *etrog* for Sukkot.

Last year was an exciting year for the Young Couples Group, and brought increased membership and participation. Our most recent events included "Hands-on Hamantashen: A Hamantashen Making Event" and our first annual Family Shabbat Dinner. At the hamantashen event, about 25 young couples gathered for food and fun as they discussed the history of Purim and these special cookies, while actually baking a batch of their own. The Family Shabbat dinner was particularly successful with a crowd of about 150. Our toddlers enjoyed music with Jacob and a fun family dinner that followed. We look forward to making this event a tradition!

We are looking forward to another great year ahead. Please mark your calendars for the following dates:

#### **Wednesday, September 3 | 7:30 pm**

*at P.A.S.—Join us for an informal planning committee for the Young Couples Group.*

*Bring creative, fun and interesting ideas for future events. We will also discuss leadership opportunities;*

#### **Wednesday, September 10 | 7:30 pm**

*location TBD—Our new season begins with an evening cocktail reception;*

#### **Sunday, October 19 | 10:30 am**

*—YCG will host a family brunch in the beautifully decorated P.A.S. Sukkah;*

#### **Wednesday, December 10, 7:30 pm,**

*location TBD—Celebrate Hanukkah with us at our 2nd annual "Latke & Vodka" Party.*

**Please note:** There is a \$50 membership fee per couple to join YCG, which entitles you to free or discounted rates for events as well as priority registration. Dues can be paid by check to the Park Avenue Synagogue Young Couples Group.

**For more information,** please contact Stephanie Leichter at 212-860-8113 or [stephanie.leichter@gmail.com](mailto:stephanie.leichter@gmail.com), or Rochelle Ludwig at 212-535-3634 or [rochelleludwig@gmail.com](mailto:rochelleludwig@gmail.com).



### High Holy Days Warm Up | *No charge*

Everyone is encouraged to join our special pre-High Holy Day classes, to help us prepare for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. No Hebrew knowledge is necessary. We will review the major themes, tunes and prayers from the *Machzor*.



#### **Monday, September 15 and 22 | 6:30 pm | Instructor, Sarah Gribetz**

Sarah Gribetz will help us prepare for the High Holy Days with discussions and a refresher of the meanings of songs and prayers from the *Machzor*.

#### **Monday, September 15 and 22 | 7:30 pm | Instructor, Rabbi Michael Graetz**

Prayer-Friendly High Holy Days: Entering the world of the *Machzor*. There are many metaphors and allusions in these prayers that need unpacking in order for our experience of the services to be more fulfilling and meaningful. Join Rabbi Graetz in an exploration of selected prayers that express the meaning and the spirit of the High Holidays.

### Three new regular adult education classes are being offered this year.

*All members of the congregation are welcome to attend. No knowledge of Hebrew is required.*

#### **Essential Essays with Rabbi Cosgrove**

**Ongoing Tuesdays | 8:00-8:45 am, immediately following the morning minyan | No charge**

Come join us to discuss essays on Jewish philosophy, theology and thought. Class text will be available in the information rack near the reception area. All are welcome to participate.



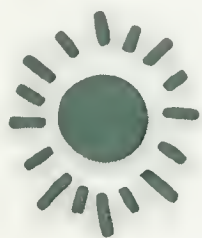
#### **Jewish Text Class with Rabbi Graetz**

**Ongoing Thursdays | 8:00-8:45 am, immediately following the morning minyan | No charge**

Explore the Jewish written word with Rabbi Michael Graetz. Class text will be available in the information rack near the reception area. All are welcome to participate.

#### **Study with the Rabbis: Contemporary Jewish Thought**

**Ongoing Tuesdays beginning September 9 | 11:00 am-12:00 noon | No charge**



#### **Lunch 'n' Learn | Ongoing Thursdays | 11:00 am-1:00 pm | No charge**

**Instructors, Members of the Clergy and Education Department**

This ongoing group participates in an informal, meaningful learning experience every week, with fellow congregants and the synagogue's professional leadership. Topics are varied. Bring a kosher dairy lunch; coffee will be served.

### Evening Book Discussion Group

**Mondays | 8:00 pm | October 27, November 24, January 12, February 23, March 23, April 27**

The Evening Book Discussion Group meets monthly on Monday nights at 8:00 pm for thoughtful discussion of significant and interesting books. All are welcome to join and participate.

This year's book selections include some you've heard about and meant to read, and some that may be new to you: "The Man in the White Sharkskin Suit" by Lucette Lagnado; "People of the Book" by Geraldine Brooks; "A Simple Story" by S. Y. Agnon; "A Pigeon and a Boy" by Meir Shalev.

**For more information, contact group leader Pat Davidson at [alpat1120@aol.com](mailto:alpat1120@aol.com).**



### Prepare for Sukkot

The Young Couples Group will be selling *lulav* and *etrog* this year. To reserve your set, please contact: Stephanie Leichter at [stephanieleichter@gmail.com](mailto:stephanieleichter@gmail.com) or Rochelle Ludwig at [rochelleludwig@gmail.com](mailto:rochelleludwig@gmail.com).







**Jonathan Leon Stotter** | September 6

Jonathan is a Seventh Grader at Robert Wagner Middle School, where his favorite subjects are Science and Math. He is a member of the Mouse Squad, a technical group run by students who assist teachers and administrators with computer problems.

Last year, he learned to play tennis and classical guitar and wants to continue his studies in both disciplines. In his spare time, Jonathan loves to play electronic games—especially PlayStation, see Mets games with his dad, play basketball with friends, explore NYC by foot and travel internationally with his parents.

He has been to Israel several times, where he has visited with his mom and dad's family in Tel Aviv. He has been to Jerusalem, where he trekked through David's Citadel and prayed at the Wall in the Old City. He has also traveled to France, Spain, Italy and Venezuela.



**Rebecca Lederkramer** | September 13

Rebecca Lederkramer has attended the Park Avenue Synagogue Congregational School since *Gimel* and recently enjoyed the December trip to Israel with Park Avenue Synagogue.

Rebecca is in the Eighth Grade at The Town School. Her favorite activity is hanging out with all of her friends from Camp Eisner. English is her favorite subject at school and she is very proficient at languages, including Hebrew and Spanish. Rebecca loves animals, particularly her Golden Retriever Maggie, and going to Fire Island.

Rebecca would like to thank her tutor Ronit Aranoff, the Clergy at Park Avenue Synagogue and Camp Eisner, and her very first Hebrew teacher, Moran Levin, for their help and support in preparing her for her Bat Mitzvah.



**Arielle Urvater** | September 13

Arielle Urvater began her Jewish education at Park Avenue Synagogue Early Childhood Center and then continued on in the Congregational School beginning in *Gan*. She has enjoyed her Jewish education and has benefited both academically and ethically.

Arielle attends Columbia Grammar and Preparatory School and is now entering Seventh Grade. In addition to her academic subjects she has developed a strong interest in the theatre arts, particularly acting. She is an avid reader and enjoys playing the guitar. For the past several years Arielle has been an enthusiastic camper at Camp Matoaka in Smithfield, Maine.

For Arielle's Bat Mitzvah projects, she helped, through a tutoring program, young children to improve their reading skills. She also chose to honor the memory of righteous Gentiles who helped Jewish families escape the Holocaust, and in particular an individual whose efforts may have helped her own great grandparents and grandparents.

Arielle wishes to thank her tutor Marion Turk, Cantor Lefkowitz, Cantor Abramson and Rabbi Cosgrove for all their help in preparing for her Bat Mitzvah.



**Alexandra Golden** | September 20

Alexandra is excited to be Bat Mitzvah at Park Avenue Synagogue with her family and friends (and will continue on in the Hebrew High School next year). She also read from the Torah in a beautiful service in Jerusalem on a family trip to Israel this past summer.

Ali is an Eighth Grader at the Horace Mann School, where she plays field hockey and lacrosse. She loves traveling, reading, arts and crafts, and dancing jazz hip-hop at the 92ndSt.Y as a member of the Fresh Y Crew.

Through UJA's *Give a Mitzvah-Do a Mitzvah* program, Ali was a tutor, and she is donating her Bat Mitzvah gifts to create a performance group at Hadassah Neurim, a residential youth village for at-risk teens in Israel. On a memorable visit, the group members gave Ali a special performance.

Ali thanks her family, her teachers and the clergy at P.A.S. for their encouragement and support in helping her to prepare for her Bat Mitzvah.



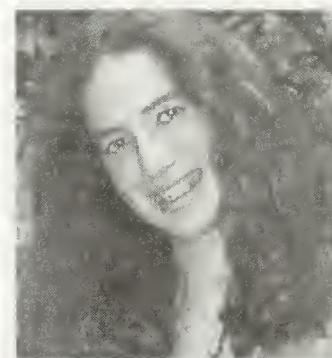
## Rachel Lander | September 27

Rachel has been a member of the Park Avenue Synagogue community since her first Yom Kippur service when she was just a few days old. She was named at the synagogue, attended the Early Childhood Center and Congregational School and now is an active member of the synagogue's High School.

An enthusiastic Eighth Grade student at the Horace Mann School, Rachel loves both academics (particularly math) and sports. Spirited and athletic, she enjoys basketball, volleyball and softball in her free time. She spends summers at camp in the Catskills.

Rachel lives with her parents and older brother, Harold. She is caring toward others, has a good sense of humor and values her family and friends.

Rachel thanks everyone at Park Avenue Synagogue for helping her prepare for her Bat Mitzvah and making her feel at home in the synagogue.



## Welcome to P.A.S.

*Park Avenue Synagogue warmly welcomes these new members to our congregational family:*

**Stefanie & Jame Donath**  
**Robin & Adam Frankel**  
**Linda Furst**  
**Lauren & Andrew Goldberg**  
**Jennifer & Geoffrey Goldschein**  
**Rachel & Richard Greenfield**  
**Sandra & Howard Hoffen**  
**Debra & Robert Kasirer**  
**Simon Lincoln**

**Lorraine Malden**  
**Jennifer Deutsch & Adam Rifkind**  
**Helen Rodbell**  
**Barbara Goodstein & Robert Rosenblatt**  
**Carolyn & Aaron Shapiro**  
**Beth & Mitchell Silber**  
**Alyssa & David Small**  
**Deborah & Marc Weitzen**

## Condolences

*Park Avenue Synagogue extends heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved of our congregation and their families:*

Constance L. Breslin, *on the loss of her sister, Susan Lane Montessarchio;*  
Dr. Michael S. Cohen, *on the loss of his father, Herbert A. Cohen;*  
Dr. Arturo Constantiner, *on the loss of his brother Theodoro Constantiner;*  
Mark Drucker, *on the loss of his mother, Roslyn Drucker;*  
Family and friends of Ruth Druss;  
Family and friends of Marie M. Edelsborough;  
Carol Goldstein, *on the loss of her mother, Sobyl Goldstein;*  
Cindie Kastenbaum, *on the loss of her father, Monroe Meyerson;*  
Zelma Kiwi, *on the loss of her husband, Eric Kiwi;*  
David Parker, *on the loss of his father, Herman Parker;*  
Dr. Beverly Richman Prutkin, *on the loss of her sister, Lesley Harriet Richman;*  
Peter Simon, *on the loss of his wife, Ellen Simon.*



**Menachem Rosensaft** has been appointed Adjunct Professor of Law at the Cornell University Law School where he will be teaching a course on World War II War Crimes Trials.



**Note:** if you have family news to share with the congregation, please contact Lynn Schneider at 212-369-2600 or [lschneider@pasyn.org](mailto:lschneider@pasyn.org).





## Welcome

Ron Koas, Education Director

**Shalom everyone! The beginning of the school year is always a busy and exciting time. I love welcoming back our "veteran" students and getting to know the new students at our school. Our faculty and staff spend many hours during the summer preparing their classrooms and lessons so that everything is "ready for action" once the children arrive.**

*Kol Hakavod* to our most devoted and dedicated faculty and staff. Special thanks to Phyllis Spiro and Abby

Goldberg for their "around the clock" work during the summer.

While summer is a time for vacations, it is also a time for us to reflect on the past and plan for the new school year. We are very excited about the changes (new Rabbis, new teachers...) and additions (new computers...) to our school that have already taken place. This year we welcome several new teachers to the P.A.S. school. You will have the opportunity to meet them all in person during curriculum night on September 23. We wish them the best of luck. On behalf of the entire faculty and staff, I wish our students and their families.

### Rabbi Judah Nadich High School

Park Avenue Synagogue is fortunate to welcome a new High School Director, **Shlomi Cohen**, who comes to us with excellent credentials. We look forward to a productive relationship and exciting programs for our young people. Shlomi Cohen has been the assistant principal at the Rebecca and Israel Ivry Prozdor High School of the Jewish Theological Seminary for three years. He completed his B.A. degree at the Hebrew Univer-

sity of Jerusalem and graduated from The Jewish Theological Seminary with an M.A. in Jewish Education. In Israel, he was the director of a halfway house for girls at risk, providing them with a safe environment and preparing them for independence.

*He replaces Rabbi Matthew A. Reimer, who has assumed a pulpit in New Jersey, and we wish him well.*

**Monday, September 1** 1 Elul

*Rosh Chodesh Elul*

**Labor Day**

Offices Closed

**Friday, September 5** 5 Elul

6:15 pm Friday Evening Service

**Saturday, September 6** 6 Elul

*Parashat Shoftim*

9:15 am Sanctuary Service

*Shabbat Honoring the Yahrzeit of Rabbi Judah Naditch Z"L.*

*Bar Mitzvah of Jonathan Stotter; son of Aileen and Eric Stotter*

**Monday, September 8** 8 Elul

4:00 pm CS Welcome Coffee

6:00 pm ECC Orange Room Parent Meeting

7:30 pm ECC Purple Room Parent Meeting

**Tuesday, September 9** 9 Elul

4:00 pm CS Welcome Coffee

5:00 pm Opening Ceremony for *Gan* Students and Parents

6:30 pm *Limud* Parent Meeting

**Wednesday, September 10** 10 Elul

ECC Start for Returning Students

**Thursday, September 11** 11 Elul

ECC Start for New Students

4:00 pm CS Welcome Coffee

5:00 pm Opening Ceremony for *Alef* Students and Parents

### Special Note to Families

We would like to know about our members' children who attend Hebrew Day School. **Please contact Naomi Lipnick, at [nlipnick@pasyn.org](mailto:nlipnick@pasyn.org) and let her know which school they are attending and the grade that they are enrolled in.** We want to be sure that you know of special events for our children.



September Children's and School Programs

**Friday, September 12** 12 Elul  
ECC Start for New Children  
6:15 pm "Make Friday Night Special:  
a Musical Service"  
**Children's Birthday Service**

**Saturday, September 13** 13 Elul  
*Parashat Ki Teitzi*  
9:15 am Junior Congregation  
9:15 am Sanctuary Service  
9:30 am *Havurah Service*  
*Bat Mitzvah of Rebecca Lederkramer,*  
daughter of Lauren and David  
Lederkramer  
*Bat Mitzvah of Arielle Urvater,*  
daughter of Eve and Ronald Urvater  
10:15 am *Nitzanim Service*

**Monday, September 15** 15 Elul  
Monday Toddler Program Begins

**Tuesday, September 16** 16 Elul  
*Ruach event*

**Wednesday, September 17** 17 Elul  
4:00 pm High School Starts

**Friday, September 19** 19 Elul  
Friday Toddler Program Begins

**Saturday, September 20** 20 Elul  
*Parashat Ki Tavo*  
9:15 am Junior Congregation  
9:15 am Sanctuary Service  
*Bat Mitzvah of Alexandra Golden,*  
daughter of Lisa and Matthew Golden  
9:30 am *Havurah Service*  
11:15 am Tot Shabbat

**Sunday, September 21** 21 Elul  
10:30 am High School Social Action  
Dorot Food Package Delivery

**Tuesday, September 23** 23 Elul  
6:30 pm CS Curriculum Night

**Wednesday, September 24** 24 Elul  
4:00 pm High School

**Friday, September 26** 26 Elul  
6:15 pm Friday Evening Service

**Saturday, September 27** 27 Elul  
*Parashat Nitzavim*  
9:15 am Junior Congregation  
9:15 am Sanctuary Service  
*Bat Mitzvah of Rachel Lander,*  
daughter of Roseanne and Guy Lander  
9:30 am *Havurah Service*

**Monday, September 29** 29 Elul  
**Erev Rosh Hashanah**  
No CS  
1:00 pm Offices Close

**Tuesday, September 30** 1 Tishrei 5769  
**Rosh Hashanah**  
Offices Closed  
10:15 am Youth Services  
5:00 pm *Tashlich*

Birthday Celebration

**Friday, September 12 | 6:15 pm**  
Each month, we celebrate children whose birthdays occur that month as part of a regular Friday Evening Service. The family services include special Shabbat blessings, followed by a festive *Kiddush*. We encourage families to attend together and share the blessings of the day. This month, our birthday celebration will be held on September 12.

**Contact** Rabbi Graetz's office for more information.

Tot Kabbalat Shabbat & Holidays

Tot Shabbat

**Saturday, September 20 | 11:15 am**  
P.A.S. offers tot services on selected Shabbatot and Jewish Holidays. Toddlers and their families participate in age appropriate celebration, songs and Jewish rituals. See the website for schedule and details, [www.pasyn.org](http://www.pasyn.org).

Congregational School Sukkah Dinner Reservation Form

"Pizza in the Hut" | Thursday, October 16 | 6:30 pm

IN ORDER TO ENSURE YOUR PLACE, PLEASE FILL OUT AND RETURN THIS FORM BY MONDAY, OCTOBER 6 TO THE EDUCATION OFFICE.  
INCLUDE YOUR CHECK MADE PAYABLE TO PARK AVENUE SYNAGOGUE.  
ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE PRE-PAID AND ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.

\_\_\_\_\_ # of people attending (at \$15.00 per person)      Check enclosed for total amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Grade and Class \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner will include pizza, salad and dessert. Questions? Please contact the Congregational School Office at 212.369.2600 ext. 131.



## Contributions

When one loves *tzedakah* and justice, the earth is filled with God's loving-kindness. —Psalm 33:5

### Bikur Cholim

Joan & Howard Goldberg, *in memory of Dr. Barton Hoexter on his first Yahrzeit.*

Joan & Howard Goldberg, *in celebration of their wedding anniversary.*

Harry Krieger, *in honor of Nadine & Edward Cohen and family, for their Pesah hospitality.*

Ruth Levenson, *in memory of her beloved mother Herta Levi.*

Barbara Robbins, *in memory of her beloved mother Dolly Grad.*

Barbara Robbins, *in honor of the outgoing chairmen of the Bikur Cholim, Susan Lincoln and Leah Modlin.*

Frances Stewart, *in memory of her beloved mother Ilse Halm, her beloved grandmother Henny Voehl and her beloved grandfather Leopold Meyer.*

### Congregational School Fund

The Zemser Family, *in honor of Rachael First being elected as Secretary of the Park Avenue Synagogue.*

### Sarah I. Gelman Memorial Fund

Evelyn Gelman, *in memory of her beloved husband Milton Gelman and her beloved mother-in-law Sarah I. Gelman.*

Evelyn Gelman, *in honor of her birthday.*

### Hesed Fund

Carol Antler, *in honor of her birthday.*

### High School Food Pantry

Albertine Aboody, *in honor of her birthday.*

Jonathan P. Arfa & Barbara Bernstein, *in honor of Mark Fraier's service as Ritual Director during Shabbat Services.*

Richard Bass, *in memory of Larry.*

Richard & Ed Bass & family, *in memory of Dorothy Shapiro.*

Richard & Ed Bass & family, *in memory of Ray.*

Richard & Ed Bass & family, *in memory of Roy Liebgott's wife.*

Richard & Ed Bass, *for a job well done by Mark Yagerman.*

Richard, Jamie & Jeremy Bass, *in memory of Marvin.*

Richard Jamie & Jeremy Bass, *in memory of Steve Braun's wife.*

Ellie Braverman, *in honor of Martha Fischer on the occasion of her 60th birthday.*

Barry A. Bryer & Meryl E. Wiener, *in honor of their anniversary.*

Barry A. Bryer & Meryl E. Wiener *in memory of Herman Parker, father of David Parker.*

Toni Ceisler, *in memory of her beloved father Albert Natelson.*

Joanne Davis, *in memory of her beloved father Samuel Vectorsohn.*

Joanne Davis, *in honor of her birthday.*

Ruthie Ezra & Family, *in honor of Rabbi Stern, wishing him good luck.*

Freed Orlow Family-Myra, Seth & Emma, Ellie, Mort & Alex Mackof *in honor of Harold Lander receiving the Youth Award from the Annual Federation of Jewish Men's Clubs.*

Erica Goldberg, Nancy Kacew, & Terri Newman *with thanks to Rabbi Dawn Rose.*

Carol Goldstein & Robert Raskin & Sam, *in memory of Sara Halbfinger beloved mother of Martin Halbfinger.*

Richard, Elaine & Sam Green, *in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Julia Richards.*

Susan Heller, *in memory of her beloved father Louis Windt.*

Varda Hubara, *in honor of Amy Bressman.*

Andrew Karmiol, *in honor of Mark Fraier's service to Park Avenue Synagogue.*

Dr. & Mrs. Samuel Katz.

Jane Kreinik, *in honor of her birthday.*

Harold Lander & Jacob Mark, *congratulations to Nicole Lustig and Abby Denburg on their Hebrew High School graduation.*

Cantor & Mrs. David Lefkowitz, *in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Jonathan Aisenberg.*

Ruth Levenson, *in memory of her beloved mother-in-law Frances Levenson.*

Andrea & Ivan Lustig, *in memory of Sara Halbfinger mother of Martin Halbfinger.*

Alex Mackof, *in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Julia Richards.*

The Mark & Lander Families, *in honor of the Rutman family for sponsoring the Food Pantry lunch.*

Sheila Miller, *in memory of her beloved father Abraham Maurice Baker.*

Sharon Oberman, *in memory of her beloved father Aaron Land.*

Dr. Seth Orlow & Myra Freed, *in honor of Harold Lander.*

Lite Sabin, *in memory of her beloved father Peter E. Bielenberg.*

Sylvan & Joan Scheffler, *in memory of Sobyl Goldstein mother of Carol Goldstein.*

Sylvan & Joan Scheffler, *in memory of Faye Applebaum, mother of Lori Schreiber.*

Susan, Jeffrey, Sam, Adam & Jeremy Silverman *in honor of the students who operate the Food Pantry.*

Susan, Jeffrey, Sam, Adam, & Jeremy Silverman, *in honor of Sam Green's Bar Mitzvah.*

Dr. Barbara Weinstein & Louis B. Bernstein, *in memory of Sara Halbfinger mother of Marty Halbfinger.*

Dr. Barbara Weinstein & Louis B. Bernstein, *in memory of Robin Weinstein sister of Dr. Barbara Weinstein.*

### Kol Nidre Appeal 2007/5768

Mrs. Bonnie Englehardt.

Mr. & Mrs. Michael Hodin.

### Stephanie Lynn Kossoff College Fund

Phyllis L. Kossoff, *in memory of her beloved husband, Burton Kossoff, and in memory of her beloved daughter Stephanie Lynn Kossoff.*

### Library Fund

Connie Cohen.

Selma & Bea Hollander, *in honor of Amy Bressman who led Park Avenue Synagogue at a momentous time in it's distinguished history.*

Selma & Bea Hollander, *in honor of Rabbi Dawn Rose, who ascends to her pulpit at Temple Emanuel in Lowell, Mass.*

Eileen Lewis Lurin & Larry Lurin, *in honor of Rabbi Dawn Rose.*

Sylvan & Joan Scheffler, *in honor of the 50th Anniversary of Dr. & Mrs. Harry Spiera.*

### Liturgical Music Fund

Marian Levitt, *in honor of Cantor David & Joan Lefkowitz's new granddaughter Laila.*

Martin & Mendelle Milston, *in honor of the granddaughters of Cantor & Mrs. David Lefkowitz.*

Melanie Schneider, *in honor of Cantor David & Joan Lefkowitz's new granddaughter Laila.*

Florence Solomon, *in honor of Cantor Abramson and Cantor Lefkowitz, whose beautiful singing helped make Israel's 60th anniversary a joyous celebration.*



### Albert & Rachel Murad Memorial Scholarship Fund

Joanne & Mark Lemelman, *in honor of the naming of Isabella Rachel Mendelson, the mutual great granddaughter of Doris & Henry Murad and ourselves.*

Doris & Henry Murad, *wishing a Happy Birthday to Salima Mukamal.*

Doris & Henry Murad, *in honor of their birthdays.*

Doris & Henry Murad, *in memory of Rachel, the sister of Kenneth Peress.*

### Nursery School Fund

Brian & Erin Eizenstat, *in honor of their daughter Julia's first birthday.*

Daniel Rosenblum.

### Prayer Book Fund

Susan Joy Amster, *in memory of Loretta Denerstein.*

Florence and Jeffrey Edelstein, *in honor of Jonathan Aisenberg.*

Sarita & Mark Fraier, *in memory of Sara Halbfinger, mother of Martin Halbfinger.*

Andrea & Ivan Lustig, *in memory of Lisa Noble's father, Michael D. Fischer.*

Andrea & Ivan Lustig, *in memory of Herman Parker, father of David Parker.*

Andrea & Ivan Lustig, *in memory of Sobyl Goldstein, mother of Carol Goldstein.*

The Simmon Family, *in loving memory of Herbert Whitton, father of Jane and Lynn Whitton.*

### Tikkun Olam Committee for Community Outreach

Ruthie and Jimmy Ezra and Family *in honor of Rabbi Lincoln, wishing him and Mrs. Lincoln good luck in the future.*

The Golden Family *in memory of Barbara Michaels, mother of Heidi Silverstone and in memory of Michael Fischer, father of Lisa Noble.*

Alexandra Golden and Family *in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Michael Mazursky.*

Alexandra Golden *in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Hayley Flug and the Bar Mitzvah of Katy Mayerson and the Bar Mitzvah of Sam Green.*

Ruth Levenson *in honor of her birthday.*

Ruth Levenson *in honor of Martha Gold's birthday.*

Eileen Lewis-Lurin and Larry Lurin *in honor of Rabbi Kenneth Stern.*

Marlene, Philip and Matthew Muskin *in honor of the birth of Rebecca Paige, daughter of Erica and Perry Choset.*

Marlene, Philip and Matthew Muskin *in honor of the birth of Sarita and Mark Fraier's grandson Jack Adam.*

Marlene, Philip and Matthew Muskin *in memory of Martin Halbfinger's mother.*

### Torah Endowment

Evelyn Gelman.

Paul & Joan Schreiber.

### Welfare Fund

Esta & Wally Chavkin & Family, *in memory of Mr. Nathan Peter Morris.*

Barton E. Farber.

Milton Fuchs, *in memory of his beloved brother Irving Fuchs.*

Patricia Fuchs.

Patricia & Milton Fuchs, *in honor of their 56th Wedding Anniversary.*

Patricia & Milton Fuchs.

Dr. & Mrs. Samuel Katz, *in memory of their loved ones.*

Dora & Fred Kooby, *in honor of Rabbi David Lincoln, Cantor Nancy Abramson, Rabbi*

*Kenneth Stern and Cantor David Lefkowitz.*

Cantor Mark E. Kushner, *in honor of the Brit of Sawyer Sacks.*

Sharon & Scott Markman & Family, *in honor of their son Leland's Bar Mitzvah, and in honor of Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove's new position in New York.*

Vivian Storper, *in honor of Rabbi David Lincoln.*

Vivian Storper, *in memory of her beloved mother Florence Schwartz.*

Denise Totah.

### Yiddish Club Fund

Florence Solomon, *for a Refuah Shelemah for her friend Esther Abramson.*

Florence Solomon, *in memory of her beloved brother Joseph Irving Schneider.*

### Synagogue Offerings

Ahou Abroon, *in memory of her beloved grandmother Toubia Soumekh.*

Ahou Abroon, *in memory of her beloved grandfather Yaghoub Banayan.*

Ahou Abroon, *in memory of her beloved grandfather Davoud Soumekh.*



## It's Never too early to begin Jewish learning!

Park Avenue Synagogue offers classes for children ages newborn to 3 years, accompanied by a parent, grandparent or caregiver to introduce young children to life at P.A.S.

**classes begin September 15**

### JAMST<sup>TM</sup>

Jewish Jams music-only class helps young children develop their musical potential and learn music as a second language. It fosters a commitment and love for Jewish life and culture.

AGES: NEWBORN TO 3 YEARS

**classes begin September 19**

### HaMishpachah Sheli

—My Family—introduces your family to the P.A.S. community and our Family Education Programs. Classes explore Jewish themes and holidays through stories, song, movement, arts & crafts and free play. Parents learn first hand about new trends in Jewish early childhood books, toys, games and materials. Children get a basic introduction to Hebrew words and phrases. AGES: 1.5 TO 3 YEARS

**classes begin November 5**

### A Series of Parenting Workshops: Raising Your Jewish Child

This series of workshops will help parents learn and demystify Jewish home rituals and practice, holiday celebrations and customs, and synagogue life. All backgrounds welcome. Workshop series is free of charge for all parents registered in HaMishpachah Sheli and/or JAMST<sup>TM</sup>.

**To register** or for more information, contact LynleyShimat Lys at [llys@pasyn.org](mailto:llys@pasyn.org) or 212-369-2600 ext. 140.



**Synagogue Offerings** *continued*

Philip Agisim, in memory of his beloved sister Molly Lobe.

Philip & Blanche Agisim, in honor of their anniversary.

Harvey Alstodt, in memory of his beloved father Irving Alstodt.

Melody Alstodt, in memory of her beloved mother Beulah Priceman.

Melody Alstodt, in honor of her birthday.

Benjamin Baker, in honor of his birthday.

David Balgley, in memory of his beloved mother Ethel Balgley.

David Balgley, in memory of his beloved father Morris S. Balgley.

Susan Bender, in memory of her beloved father Israel Boris Bender.

Susan Bender, in memory of her beloved mother Lillian Bender.

Dr. Georgette Bennett, in memory of her beloved husband Rabbi Marc H. Tanenbaum.

Shirley Benowitz, in memory of her beloved mother Laura Capelluto.

Shirley Benowitz, in memory of her beloved father Victor Capelluto.

Dr. Harold Bernanke, in honor of his birthday.

Ernestine Bernstein, in honor of her birthday.

Ernestine Bernstein, in memory of her beloved mother Bertha Wolf.

Esther Bernstein, in memory of Sara Halbfinger, mother of Martin Halbfinger.

Florence Bernstein, in honor of her birthday.

Mark Bernstein, in memory of her beloved father Sidney Bernstein.

Vivian Bernstein, in memory of her beloved father Herbert Glaser.

Vivian & Daniel Bernstein, in memory of Larry Mittman's mother, Esther Mittman.

Charles Blanksteen, in memory of his beloved father Harry L. Levitan.

Ruth Boody, in honor of her beloved father Jerome Jacobs on his Yahrzeit.

E.J. Borrack, in memory of her beloved father Morris Borrack.

Arlene & Andy Brafman, in honor of Connie & Bernard Breslin on their special anniversary.

David Brand, in memory of his beloved mother Miryam Brand.

Sonia Breindel, in memory of her beloved mother Dina Weissenberg.

Sonia Breindel, in memory of her beloved husband Dr. Joseph H. Breindel.

Michael Brenner, in honor of his father Philip Brenner on his Yahrzeit.

Bernard Breslin, in memory of his beloved father Charles Breslin.

Bernard & Connie Breslin, in honor of their 45th anniversary.

Nancy Bronstein, in memory of her beloved father Herbert Katz.

H. Paul Burak, in memory of his beloved father Harry Burak.

Esta Chavkin, in honor of her birthday.

Jeffrey & Katherine Chavkin, in honor of the birthday of their friend Dr. Mark Pruzansky.

Carol H. Cohen, in memory of her beloved father Reuben Herman.

Edward Cohen, in memory of his beloved father Herbert Cohen.

Marion Cohen, in memory of Herbert S. Cohen and Dr. Franz J. Lust.

Nadine Habousha Cohen, in honor of her birthday.

Harvey Comita, in memory of his beloved mother Rose Comita.

Dr. Arturo Constantiner, in memory of his beloved father Dr. Jamie Constantiner.

Caren Constantiner, in honor of her birthday.

David Cook, in memory of his beloved father Edward Cook.

Barbara Cooper, in honor of her birthday.

Samuel & Barbara Cooper, in honor of their 45th anniversary.

Ronald Diatz, in memory of his beloved father Abraham Daitz.

Cathy & Bert Distelburger, in memory of Sara Halbfinger, mother of Martin Halbfinger.

Harvey & Suzanne Drachman, in honor of their anniversary and her birthday.

Anne Duberstein, in honor of her birthday.

Michael Du Boff, in memory of his beloved wife Diane G. Du Boff.

Florence K. Edelstein, for the speedy recovery of Jeffrey Marshall Edelstein.

Florence K. Edelstein, in memory of the sister of Dorothy Paige.

Florence K. Edelstein, in honor of her son Jeffrey Marshall Edelstein, in hopes for his speedy recovery.

Howard Edelstein, in memory of his beloved mother Sara Edelstein.

Bernard Feinberg, in memory of his beloved brother Fred Feinberg.

Bernard & Phyllis Feinberg, in honor of their 40th anniversary.

Michael & Justine Feinberg, in honor of their anniversary.

Phyllis Feinberg, in memory of her beloved mother Frances Salovsky.

Elizabeth Feiner, in memory of her beloved husband Irwin Feiner.

Cori & Jordan Finkelstein, in honor of their son Tyler Finkelstein whose Bris was held at Park Avenue Synagogue on March 4, 2008.

Susan Fischer, in memory of her beloved mother Helen Glatzer.

Alissa Fox, in memory of her beloved father Arnold Fox.

Myra Freed, in memory of her beloved father William Herzel Freed.

Myra Freed, in memory of her beloved mother Gladys Vener Freed.

Bernard Friedman, in memory of his beloved mother Clara Friedman.

Bernard Friedman, in memory of his beloved father Irving Friedman.

David Friedman, in memory of her beloved father Howard Friedman.

Yola Gertel Friedman, in memory of her beloved mother Matilda Topole Gertel.

Yola Gertel Friedman, in memory of her beloved grandfather Pincos Topole.

Ruth Fuhrman, in memory of her beloved sister Sadie Rosenblatt.

Hon. Herbert D. Gelber, in memory of his beloved father Jacob Gelber.

Hon. Herbert Gelber, in memory of his beloved mother Catherine Gelber.

Sarah Gelber, in memory of her beloved father Michael Azaryad.

Sarah Gelber, in memory of her beloved mother Ruth Azaryad.

Harold Geringer, in memory of his beloved mother-in-law Sally Nissen.

Harold Geringer, in memory of his beloved mother Betty Geringer.

Harold Geringer, in memory of his beloved wife Eleanore N. Geringer.

Rabbi Elliot B. Gertel, in honor of Rabbi David Lincoln on his retirement, and in honor of Rabbi Elliot Cosgrove assuming Rabbi Lincoln's prestigious pulpit.

Elaine Gilde, in memory of her beloved father Samuel Gilde.

Erica Goldberg, in honor of her birthday.

Dorothy Goldman, in memory of her beloved husband S. Howard Goldman.

Mary Goldman, in memory of her beloved nephew Howard Ira Joselow.

Barbara Gertel Goltzer, in memory of her beloved mother Matilda Topole Gertel.

Barbara Gertel Goltzer, in memory of her beloved grandfather Pincos Topole.



Ernest & Herta Gottschalk, in honor of their anniversary.  
 Dr. Linda Grad, in memory of Peppy Eskowitz, mother of Kenneth Greenbaum.  
 Dr. Linda Grad, in memory of her beloved mother Juliette Wolf.  
 Dr. Linda Grad, in memory of Dorothy Shiffrin, mother of David Shiffrin.  
 Allen Greenberg, in memory of his beloved mother Henrietta Greenberg.  
 Charles Greenberg, in honor of his Aliyah.  
 Doris Greenberg, in memory of her beloved grandmother Jennie Schiller.  
 Efraim Grinberg, in memory of his beloved wife Jane Grinberg.  
 Sonia Grinberg, in memory of her beloved father Nusan Crugliac.  
 Sonia Grinberg, in memory of her beloved mother Golda Crugliac.  
 Peter Gruenberger, in memory of his beloved father Leslie Gruenberger.  
 Louise Hamilton, in memory of her beloved father Milton Myers.  
 Heidi Harris, in memory of her beloved father Samuel Kiperman.  
 Susan Heller, in memory of her beloved mother Bella Windt.  
 Dr. George Hines, in memory of his beloved father Frank Hines.  
 Alan Hirschfeld, in memory of his beloved father Leo Hirschfeld.  
 Nancy Hodin, in memory of her beloved father Philip Jackson.  
 Della Honig, in memory of her beloved father Max Reinkraut.  
 Carol Hyman, in honor of her birthday.  
 Dale Israel, in memory of her beloved mother Mary Pearlman.  
 Gary Israel, in memory of his beloved father Moe Israel.  
 Alan & Barbara Jacobs, in honor of their anniversary.  
 Dr. Michael Jacobs, in memory of his beloved mother Sophie Jacobs.  
 Helen Judlowe, in memory of her beloved father Willaim Lautenberg.  
 Stephen & Helen Judlowe, in honor of their anniversary.  
 Barbara & David Julie, in memory of Alice Julie, beloved mother of David Julie.  
 Barbara & David Julie, in honor of their 39th wedding anniversary.  
 Arthur Kaplan, in honor of his birthday.  
 Bea Kaplan, in memory of Sara Halbfinger, beloved mother of Martin Halbfinger.

Anne Katz, in memory of her beloved brother Louis Osdin.  
 Linda Goldman-Katz, in memory of her beloved mother Sima Goldman.  
 Edith & Norman Kaufman, in honor of Antoinette Ceisler on the occasion of her birthday.  
 Carol Kekst, in honor of her birthday.  
 Gershon Kekst, in memory of his beloved father Yaakov Yosef Kekst.  
 Edward Kerson, in memory of Rabbi Milton Steinberg, and in memory of Max & Florence Kerson.  
 Gladys Kessler, in honor of her birthday.  
 Dorothy Ann Kirsch, in memory of her beloved mother Sylvia Tejw.  
 Samuel Kirschner, in memory of her beloved mother Phyllis Anne Kirschner.  
 Barbara Klaus, in memory of her beloved mother Anna Jaffe.  
 Lee Klebanoff, in memory of her beloved husband Louis Klebanoff.  
 Linda Klemptner, in honor of her being chosen 2007 Bloomingdales "Best of the Best" associate.  
 Linda Klemptner, in memory of her beloved father Louis Klemptner.  
 Paul Koreto, in honor of his birthday.  
 Vivienne Koreto, in honor of her birthday.  
 Donna Kramer, in memory of her beloved father Lew A. Stricof.  
 Donna Kramer, in honor of her birthday.  
 Lillian Krell, in honor of her birthday.  
 Dr. Rona Kurtz, in memory of her beloved father George Krulik.  
 Joan Lefkowitz, in memory of her beloved mother Faye Mintzer, on the first Yahrzeit.  
 Joan Leiman, in memory of her beloved mother Ida Rubenstein Maisel.  
 Martin Levenson, in honor of Edith Levenson.  
 Marian Levitt, in memory of her beloved father Harry Pascal.  
 Dr. Sylvia Liff, in memory of her beloved mother Pearl Barchenko.  
 Dr. Zanel Liff, in memory of his beloved father Samuel Liff.  
 Dr. Zanel Liff, in memory of his beloved mother Lena Liff.  
 Drs. Zanel & Sylvia Liff, in honor of their anniversary.  
 Edward Lipiner, in honor of his birthday.  
 Edward Lipiner, in memory of his beloved mother Regina Lipiner.  
 Lucy Lipiner, in honor of her birthday.

Sivia Lori, in memory of her beloved father Samuel Warshauer.  
 Larry Lurin, in memory of his beloved mother Shella Lurin.  
 Marjorie Magner, in memory of her beloved mother Ethel Magner.  
 Lili Mahlab, in memory of her beloved mother Farah Mahlab.  
 Sandy Mayerson, in memory of her beloved mother Florence Mayerson.  
 Bernice Meltzer, in memory of her beloved husband Charles Meltzer.  
 Ben Mendelsohn, in memory of his beloved father Barnet Mendelsohn.  
 Ben Mendelsohn, in memory of his beloved mother Stella Mendelsohn.  
 Sheila Miller, in honor of her Aliyah on Shavnot.  
 Janet Moss, in memory of her beloved husband Carl J. Fruchtman.  
 Janet Moss, in memory of her beloved mother Sadie Wald.  
 Dr. Carol Mutterperl, in memory of her beloved mother Amalia Frieser.  
 Dr. Carol Mutterperl, in memory of her beloved mother Gertrude Frieser.  
 Charles Mutterperl, in memory of his beloved father Isidore Mutterperl.  
 Charles Mutterperl, in memory of his beloved mother, Celia Mutterperl.  
 Sidney Nearenberg, in honor of his 80th birthday.  
 Jeffrey Newman, in memory of his beloved father Daniel Newman.  
 Dr. Barton Nisonson, in memory of his beloved mother Rebecca Nisonson.  
 Rise Norman & Ross Markman, in honor of their anniversary.  
 Morris Orden, in memory of his beloved aunt Anne Ordansky.  
 Morris Orden, in memory of his beloved father, Joseph Orden.  
 Morris Orden, in memory of his beloved mother Esther Orden.  
 Morris Orden, in memory of his beloved grandmother Dinah King.  
 Dr. Irving & Ruth Parnes, in honor of their anniversary.  
 Blossom Peretz, in memory of her beloved father Benjamin Rinzler.  
 Dr. Walter Peretz, in honor of his birthday.  
 Dr. Brian Pollack, in memory of his beloved mother Vera E. Pollack.  
 Ruth Pordy, in memory of her beloved mother, Vera Gansberg.



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Sherri Powers, *in memory of her beloved father Sidney Simon.*  
 Robert Price, *in memory of his beloved father Solomon Price.*  
 Dr. Sheila Erlich Pruzansky, *in memory of her beloved father Jakob Erlich.*  
 Emily Roberts, *in memory of her beloved father Dr. Gerald Roberts.*  
 Mordecai Rochlin, *in memory of his beloved wife Sylvia Rochlin.*  
 Joan Rosen, *in memory of her beloved father Louis K. Bleeker.*  
 Sheri & Jimmy Rosenfeld, *in honor of Susan Lincoln.*  
 Sidney & Joann Rosoff, *in honor of their 55th anniversary.*  
 Estelle Roth, *in memory of her beloved husband Nathan Roth.*  
 Estelle Roth, *in memory of her beloved father Morris Krasna.*  
 Imre Roth, *in memory of his beloved wife Edith Roth.*  
 Segio Rubinstein, *in honor of his birthday.*  
 Frederick Ruvkun, *in memory of his beloved mother Dora Ruvkun.*  
 Frederick Ruvkun, *in memory of his beloved father Sam Ruvkun.*  
 Richard Samuels, *in honor of his birthday.*  
 Richard Samuels, *in memory of his beloved mother Dorothy Samuels.*  
 Donna Satow, *in memory of her beloved father Fred A. Pechter.*  
 Joe & Elizabeth Scheffler, *in honor of Sylvan Scheffler's special birthday.*  
 Melanie Schneider, *in memory of Herman Parker, father of David Parker.*  
 Andrea Schnippner, *in memory of her beloved father Irwin Feiner.*  
 Andrew Schnipper, *in memory of his beloved father, Dr. Leonard Schnipper.*  
 Dr. Dana Shani, *in memory of her beloved father Naftali Rosenstein.*  
 Dr. David Shani, *in memory of his beloved mother Charna Neshenin.*  
 Lisa Siegal, *in memory of her beloved father Abraham Siegal.*

Stanley Siegelbaum, *in memory of his beloved father Samuel Siegelbaum.*  
 Sydney Silberman, *in memory of his beloved wife Rosalind Grossman Silberman.*  
 Esther Silver, *in memory of her beloved aunt, Rose Hockmeyer.*  
 Joel Silver, *in memory of his beloved father Nathan Silver.*  
 Joel & Esther Silver, *in honor of their anniversary.*  
 Jessica Simmon, *in honor of the wedding anniversary of Mr. & Mrs. Michael Simmon.*  
 Michael & Jessica Simmon, *in honor of Jacqueline Simmon's birthday.*  
 Diane Solomon, *in memory of her beloved father Murray Leo Lederman.*  
 Irene Sommerfeld, *in memory of her beloved mother Lilly Bronsky.*  
 Tamara, Michael & David Stark, *in honor of Brian and Benjamin Bartli's 3rd birthdays.*  
 Renee Stern, *in memory of her beloved mother Henrietta C. Stern.*  
 Helen Straus, *with everlasting gratitude.*  
 Marcia Sudolsky, *in memory of her beloved mother Leatrice Neerin.*  
 Vera Wolff Sullivan, *in honor of her birthday, and in honor of her mother on Mother's Day.*  
 Vera Wolff Sullivan, *in honor of her parents Fritz & Marianne Wolff.*  
 Vera Wolff Sullivan, *in honor of Brian Lustbader, Paul Corwin, Howard Rubin, Marlene Muskin and Rachael First for becoming officers of the Board.*  
 Bernice Tannenbaum, *in memory of her beloved husband Nathan Tannenbaum.*  
 Michael Taubin, *in memory of his beloved mother Fanny Taubin.*  
 Roxana & Bob Tetenbaum, *in memory of Herman Parker father of David Parker.*  
 Roxana & Bob Tetenbaum, *in memory of Monroe Meyerson, father of Cindie Kastenbaum.*  
 Madelein Title, *in memory of her beloved mother Leona Klein.*  
 Karla Toledano, *in memory of her beloved father Milton Sloves.*

Helene & Marvin Torker, *in memory of Dr. Basil Hyman husband of Carol Hyman.*  
 Ray & Nancy Treiger, *in honor of their birthdays.*  
 Sally Tycher, *in honor of her birthday.*  
 Jacqueline Wahl, *in memory of her beloved father Sylvain Wahl.*  
 Dr. Renee Waldinger, *in memory of her beloved husband Dr. Hermann Waldinger.*  
 Nina Wallach, *in memory of her beloved father Herbert James Greenberg.*  
 Nina Wallach, *in memory of her beloved mother Malka Greenberg.*  
 Marvin Weinberg, *in memory of his beloved father William Weinberg.*  
 Marvin Weinberg, *in memory of his beloved mother Frances Weinberg.*  
 Selma Weintraub, *in honor of her birthday.*  
 Dr. Janet Weisberg, *in memory of her beloved mother Vivian Weisberg.*  
 Peter Weisman, *in memory of his beloved mother Sheila Weisman.*  
 Dr. Bernard Weiss, *in loving memory of his beloved mother Ella M. Weiss.*  
 Charles Weitzman, *in honor of his birthday.*  
 Elaine Weitzman, *in memory of her beloved uncle Irving Bunkin.*  
 Elaine Weitzman, *in memory of her beloved father Harry Samet.*  
 Jacqueline Willens, *in memory of her beloved father Raymond Snitow.*  
 Laurie Zacharias, *in memory of her beloved husband Henry Zacharias.*  
 Marlene Zausner, *in appreciation to Rabbi Lincoln.*  
 Annette Zimmerman, *in memory of her beloved mother Claire Fortgang.*  
 Joan, Mark & Lili Zimmitt, *in honor of Cantor Nancy Abramson.*  
 Eugene Zinbarg, *in memory of his beloved father Irving Payson Zinbarg.*  
 Roberta Zinbarg, *in honor of her birthday.*  
 Roberta Zinbarg, *in memory of her beloved mother Dorothy Goldman.*  
 Bernard & Roberta Zuckerman, *in honor of their anniversary.*  
 Roberta Zuckerman, *in honor of her birthday.*



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